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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

FILE NO. **100-3308**

REPORT MADE AT <b>New Orleans, Louisiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/6/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/29/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. M. CURRY</b> <div style="text-align: right;">CMC:GK</div>
TITLE <b>LAWRENCE SIMPSON, with alias Larry Simpson</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated 11/14/41 reflects subject's attendance at Communist Party headquarters with other members. Report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated 11/21/41 states subject received Seven Seas Club membership card #1616 and donated \$20 to organization fund drive. Report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated 1/3/42 advises subject's name appears on a list of Communist Party members who are also members of the National Maritime Union.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:**

This report is predicated upon information submitted by Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] regarding the Communistic activities of the subject in New Orleans.

Report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated November 14, 1941 reflects that on the above dated at 1:30 PM at the Communist Party office at 417 Godchaux Building, there were fourteen members in attendance, including the subject, during the afternoon.

On November 21, 1941 Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that Seven Seas Club cards had been issued in exchange for old Keys Club cards. Subject was listed as having received membership card #1616 and having donated \$20.00 to the Seamen's Fund drive, which had already gone over the top of their quota of \$200.00.

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On January 3, 1942 Confidential Informant [redacted] submitted a list of National Maritime Union seamen who are members of the Communist Party together with the information which appears on their respective cards. Subject's name appears on this list with the additional information that he became a member in 1932, has been issued Seven Seas card #1616, his birth place is Chicago, Illinois, and he is thirty-nine years of age.

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THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION:

At NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA will contact the United States Shipping Commissioner at Custom House and attempt to ascertain subject's present employment. Will recontact Confidential Informants and attempt to secure names and addresses of any individuals who might have some additional information relative to subject's Communistic activities.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

New Orleans, La.

FILE NO. 100-3308 WH

REPORT MADE AT <b>New Orleans</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-29-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5-16,17-42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>Smith H. Horton</b>
TITLE <b>LAWRENCE SIMPSON, alias LARRY SIMPSON</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Records Lykes Bros. SS Co., New Orleans, indicate subject last in New Orleans 11-13-41. Records U. S. Shipping Com., New Orleans shows discharge from SS REUBIN TIPTON, Baltimore 2-17-42. No subsequent information available concerning subject. Confidential Informants, New Orleans, unable furnish information as to whereabouts or activities of subject.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent C. M. CURRY, New Orleans, 3-6-42.

**DETAILS:** At New Orleans, La.

Mr. B. F. THOMPSON, Personnel Division, Lykes Brothers Steamship Lines, 925 Whitney Building, advised that their last record of subject was November 12, 1941, subject sailing on the SS REUBIN TIPTON from Mobile, Ala., to New Orleans, leaving here on November 13, 1941.

Mr. E. J. DREVIL, Clerk, U. S. Shipping Commission, Custom House, advised their last record of subject was when he left the SS REUBIN TIPTON at Baltimore, Md., February 17, 1942. Mr. DREVIL advised that they have no further record of subject.

Special Agent J. O. PEYRONNIN of the New Orleans Office contacted Confidential Informants [redacted] of this office, who advised that they have no additional information on subject.

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Inasmuch as this subject is now inactive in the Communist Party, this case is being closed.

The following physical description of the subject was obtained from the

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records of the U. S. Shipping Commission office:

Age: 38 (1941), born in Illinois.  
Height: 5'6"  
Complexion: Fair  
Hair: Brown  
Relatives: Father, JOHN ~~SIMPSON~~ SIMPSON, 550 W. 20th Street,  
Kirkland, Wash.  
Certificate of Identification #71411

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **100-66341 BEO**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK, N. Y.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/30/44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/12, 16, 18, 20, 23, 24/44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM F. HIGGINS, JR.</b>
TITLE <b>LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, with alias: Larry Simpson</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject is an able-bodied seaman, #2-71411; resides at 550 W. 20 St., NYC. Subject a member of the Communist Party; has Membership Book # 31036. Born 4/11/02 at Chicago, Ill. Subject was convicted of high treason in Berlin, Germany 9/28/36 and sentenced to 3 yrs.

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**DETAILS:**

This case is predicated upon the receipt of information from Confidential Informant T-1, who advised that the subject, as LARRY SIMPSON, is a member of the Communist Party and that he has 1944 Membership Book Number 31036 and is a member of the Water-front Branch of the Communist Party in New York City. The Membership Book is dated November 9, 1943. Subject is described on this registration as male, white, age 41, eleven years in the Party, employed as a seaman in the marine industry, a member of the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O., and his national origin was given as American. It was indicated that subject was not a club subscriber to the Daily Worker.

Information received from the War Shipping Administration reflected that a LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON of 550 West 20th Street, New York City, an able-bodied seaman on the vessel SS HORACE WILLIAMS, had Certificate of Identification Number 2-71411. His Social Security Number is 086-16-8659, and he gave as his beneficiary JOHN G. SIMPSON, Kirkland, Washington, his father.

*cc: R met 6-10-49*

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The records of Local Draft Board 19, 250 Eighth Avenue, New York City, indicated that LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, 550 West 20th Street, New York City, Order Number 10100, was born on April 11, 1902 at Chicago, Illinois. He is a citizen of the United States and gave as the person who would always know his address JOHN SIMPSON, Kirkland, Washington. At the time of his registration he was employed by the LYKES BROTHERS STEAMSHIP COMPANY of 17 Battery Place, New York City. He advised that his education consisted of four years of high school and one year at the Washington State College, where he specialized in electrical engineering. The records reflected that subject has been an able-bodied seaman since 1920 and that his average earnings are approximately \$100 per month. He is also licensed as a 3rd Mate. His Selective Service file reflected in subject's questionnaire that he had been convicted for the crime of high treason on September 28, 1936 in the People's Court, Berlin, Germany, and was sentenced to three years. Subject was classified 2 B(H) by the Local Board on June 10, 1944.

Neighborhood investigation at 550 West 20th Street, New York City, was conducted with negative results as to the activities of the subject.

Subject's description, as obtained from the records of the War Shipping Administration and from his Selective Service file, is as follows:

Name	LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, with alias: Larry Simpson
Residence	550 West 20th Street, New York City
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	42
Date of Birth	April 11, 1902
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'6"
Weight	150 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light
Social Security No.	086-16-8659
Seaman's Number	Z-71411
Characteristics	Slightly hard of hearing.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

The Confidential Informant mentioned in the report of Special Agent WILLIAM F. HIGGINS, JR. dated October 30, 1944 at New York, N. Y. is as follows:

T-1: Information received from a highly confidential and reliable source, which information was made available to Special Agents JEROME M. GARLAND, A. ROBERT SWANSON, J. LEWIS AMES, WILLIAM H. HARPER, and WILLIAM D. DUNNE on April 27, 1944

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SAC, New York

December 22, 1944

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, with alias  
Larry Simpson  
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There are enclosed for your information in connection with the above captioned subject copies of the reports of Special Agent C. E. Curry, dated March 6, 1942, at New Orleans, Louisiana, and Special Agent Smith H. Horton, dated July 29, 1942, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 14, 1948

FROM : SAC, New York

Att: Identification Division

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, WAS.  
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In view of the subject's past membership in the Communist Party, and his employment as a seaman this office is endeavoring to ascertain his present whereabouts and activities.

Previous communications from the Bureau indicated that as late as April 2, 1945 the subject was listed as the Second Mate of the SS T.E. MITCHELL and possessed permanent certificate of identification #Z-71411.

It is requested that appropriate checks be made with the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation to determine the subject's present employment and residential address.

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Reurmemo September 14, 1948.

Please be advised that on May 14, 1945, under caption, Section 28 (Waterfront Section), Communist Party, U. S. A. Internal Security - C, Your file #100-34632, the Bureau directed a letter to your Office on Lawrence B. Simpson, #Z-71411. Since signing off the SS T. E. Mitchell, June 4, 1945, there is a record of ten completed voyages and these are set out on the attached sheet. On August 17, 1948, at Philadelphia, Simpson signed aboard the SS Charles Tufts as chief mate. This vessel is bound for one or more ports in Europe or Northern Africa, voyage not to exceed twelve months. This vessel is owned by the Prudential Steamship Corporation, 17 State Street, New York City.

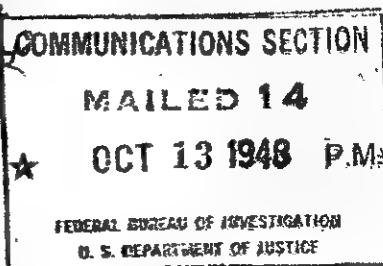
The files of the War Shipping Administration reflect that he is registered with Local Board #19, New York City, and last signed shipping articles November 13, 1945, May 1, 1946, and June 13, 1946.

A transcript of this individual's record, #FBI-1210500, is enclosed.

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SEA SERVICE RECORD OF  
LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON

NAME OF VESSEL	RATING OF SEAMAN	DATE AND PLACE OF ENGAGEMENT	DATE AND PLACE OF DISCHARGE	NATURE OF VOYAGE
SS T. E. MITCHELL	Second mate	June 5, 1945 New York City	August 16, 1945 New York City	Foreign
SS T. E. MITCHELL	Second officer	August 30, 1945 New York City	November 12, 1945 New York City	Foreign
SS T. E. MITCHELL	Second mate	November 13, 1945 New York City	February 11, 1946 Baltimore	Foreign
NAV COBLE EYE	Chief mate	May 2, 1946 New York City	June 14, 1946 New York City	Foreign
SS CHARLES TUFTS	Chief mate	June 17, 1946 Boston	November 13, 1946 New York City	Foreign
SS CHARLES TUFTS	Chief mate	November 20, 1946 New York City	December 10, 1946 Galveston	Foreign
SS CHARLES TUFTS	Chief mate	December 11, 1946 Galveston	February 11, 1947 New Orleans	Foreign
SS CHARLES TUFTS	Chief mate	February 12, 1947 New Orleans	May 16, 1947 Philadelphia	Foreign
SS CHARLES TUFTS	Chief mate	January 8, 1948 Baltimore	March 4, 1948 Galveston	Foreign
SS CHARLES TUFTS	Chief mate	March 5, 1948 Galveston	April 26, 1948 New York City	Foreign

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **100-66341**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>MAR 3 - 1949</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/13, 12; 10/19-21/48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EUGENE R. HARRELL</b>
TITLE <b>LAWRENCE B. <sup>①</sup> SIMPSON, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject, an American Seaman, was imprisoned in Germany for 18 months for Communist activity in 1936. On his return, subject was given a testimonial dinner by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and other key figures of the CP. Subject wrote a pamphlet on his imprisonment and gave several speeches throughout the country. Subject imprisoned in Rio de Janeiro in late 1937 for suspected Communist activity, but was released after 24 hours detention. Subject was listed in 1936-37 annual report of the International Labor Defense as a member of the National Advisory Board of that organization. Subject in attendance at testimonial dinner for ELIZABETH GURLY FLYNN for the benefit of the Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER in February, 1942. Subject held 1944 CP membership book #31036. Presently employed by the Prudential Steamship Corp., 17 State St., NYC, where he receives his mail.

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**DETAILS:**

The files of the New York office were reviewed and reflected the following information concerning the subject:

In a clipping from the New York Herald Tribune datelined, "Berlin, 12/1/36", the subject was listed as a thirty-four year old American Seaman

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who was sentenced to three years in jail by the Peoples Tribunal in Berlin on September 28th following his conviction on charges of subversive activities. The account stated that he was to be released December 20th through the clemency of Chancellor Adolph Hitler. SIMPSON, it was stated, would be turned over to American authorities with the understanding that he would be sent back to the United States by them. Under a technicality of German law he was to be "on parole" for five years, although the provision would have no meaning as long as he was not on German soil. Since, at the time of the trial, SIMPSON had passed fifteen months in concentration camps and prisons, on the day of his release he was to have been in custody nearly eighteen months. SIMPSON appealed through legal channels for a pardon and his appeal was supported by both the American Embassy and the Consulate General. The pardon granted was virtually a result of that appeal.

In an investigation of BENJAMIN CHARLES ROSSET, Mr. ATHAN COSMOS, of the Radio Station WQXR, Maspeth, Long Island, gave the following information:

He stated that ROSSET was arrested in Lisbon during 1936 or 1937 for distributing Communist literature and that ROSSET was "an open Party-liner". He further stated that ROSSET formed a Committee to extend a welcome to LAWRENCE SIMPSON, Communist Seaman, on his return to New York City, after being interned in a German Concentration Camp for distributing Communist literature in Germany.

The "Daily Worker" in its edition of January 6, 1937 carried several photographs of the subject, one of which was captioned, "EARL BROWDER, General Secretary of the Communist Party Greets SIMPSON, a Member of the Party, With Justified Pride. Looking on is ROY B. HUDSON, Waterfront Leader of the Party."

The paper further carried a write-up of the meeting at which the

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subject was to speak on January 6, 1937 and listed the aforementioned persons as speakers. Proceeds of the meeting were to go to the Joint Maritime Strike Council for the benefit of striking seamen.

In the same issue of the "Daily Worker" EARL BROWDER wrote an editorial with SIMPSON as the subject, in which he praised that individual for his fight against "Nazi Fascism" and welcomed him back to the United States.

In a pamphlet obtained from Mr. ERNEST SPOLLHOLTZ, who had been acting as an investigator for Captain JOHN B. TREVOR, of the Sons of the American Revolution, the following information pertaining to the subject was revealed:

A leaflet advertising a meeting on January 6, 1937 at the St. Nicholas Palace, New York City, to greet LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, an American Seaman, and member of the S.U.P., who was returning to the United States after eighteen months in a Nazi Prison. This meeting was under the auspices of the International Labor Defense, the Joint Maritime Strike Council and the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners. The speakers, in addition to SIMPSON, were to be JOSEPH CURRAN and FERDINAND SMITH, members of the Joint Maritime Strike Council; ANNA DAMON, Acting National Secretary of the International Labor Defense; GIFFORD COCHRAN, Secretary of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, and lastly, Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO. The Chairman was to be ANDREW R. NEWHOFF, the New York State Secretary of the International Labor Defense.

Pamphlets purchased by SA GEORGE J. STARR on March 12, 1937 at the Workers Book Shop, New York City, contained the following information:

A pamphlet entitled, "The ~~Y~~ Blessings' of Fascism" carried a description by LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON of the eighteen months which he had spent in Nazi prisons. The pamphlet was published by the National LAWRENCE SIMPSON Tour Arrangements Committee of 156 Fifth Avenue, Room 534, New York City. The purpose of this pamphlet was to build up interest in the tour which SIMPSON was to make to tell his story to the people of America. He related his speeches in this pamphlet and described in great detail the activities of the German police in dealing with prisoners. SIMPSON referred to himself in this pamphlet as being a Communist.

The "Daily Worker" in its issue of December 17, 1937 carried an article entitled, "American Seamen Reveal Nazi Links to Vargas Regime After Their Arrest in Rio de Janeiro by Secret Agents." The article went on to relate that two American seamen had been listed as crew members of the Munsing Liner, Pan-America. SIMPSON told reporters of the "Daily Worker" that he had been appre-



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hended as soon as he left his ship; that he was questioned by police from a file of his record which had been sent from Germany. The crew of the ship sent a letter of protest to Secretary of State HULL, and also protested the seizure of copies of "The Pilot", official publication of the NMU. These publications were seized when the quarters of the two arrested seamen were searched. SIMPSON was held overnight, brought back to the police, and after the police had warned the Master of the Ship not to let SIMPSON ashore in Brazil in the future, he was allowed to go free.

By letter dated April 12, 1941 the Seattle Office informed the New York Office that on January 11, 1938 information was received from the Police Department at Bellingham, Washington, to the effect that press reports set out that the subject, a Communist seaman of Kirkland, Washington, had been recently arrested when the ship on which he was working docked at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Investigation concerning SIMPSON was conducted by the Police Department at Kirkland, Washington, without reflecting any information concerning his subversive activities.

The Police Department reported that the subject's parents, who resided at Kirkland, Washington, received a card from him at Christmas, in 1940, which was postmarked at New Orleans, La.

SIMPSON's brother was interviewed by the Police Department, and he stated that the subject seemed to forget his Communist activities after his arrest in Brazil a few years ago.

On April 10, 1942 Confidential Informant T-3 advised that the 1936-37 Annual Report of the International Labor Defense, a Communist Party defense group, listed the subject as a member of the National Advisory Board of the International Labor Defense.

On March 2, 1942 Confidential Informant T-2 furnished the following information concerning the subject:

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On February 28, 1942 a testimonial dinner was given for ELIZABETH GURLY FLYNN by the Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER at the Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City. There were no "rank and filers" present, it was a gathering of Party leadership, professional leaders of trade unions and intellectuals. One of the speakers at this testimonial dinner was LAWRENCE SIMPSON. A photograph of SIMPSON in attendance at this dinner was published in the "Daily Worker" of February 29, 1942, and same is being incorporated in the exhibit section of this file.

By letter dated August 20, 1943 the New Haven Office advised the New York Office that during the course of an interview with CHARLES WILMONT BULTON, who is a subject of a case in the New Haven Office, BULTON furnished the following information concerning the subject:

The subject, with whom BULTON had sailed on the SS Manhattan, is reported to have spent some time in a German Concentration Camp. While aboard the SS Manhattan, he was known to read and speak German. He carried anti-German literature, such as "Down With Germany", and is said to be strongly affiliated with the Communist Party in New York City.

Confidential Informant T-1 on April 27, 1944 advised that LARRY SIMPSON, age 41, white, American-born, held 1944 Communist Party membership book #31036.

During an investigation conducted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, it was learned that the subject's name appeared on a list held by Mr. VICTOR CAMPBELL, a member of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party, from 1934 to 1944. The subject was listed as follows:

"LAWRENCE-SIMPSON-long record in Party. Imprisoned by HITLER for Communist Party organization in Hamburg, Germany. Communist International. State Department should have information on him. Probably U.S.citizen."

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Mr. HILL, of the Prudential Steamship Company, 17 State Street, New York City, on October 20, 1948 advised that the subject is at present aboard the SS Charles Tufts; that he has been employed by Prudential since 1943; that he has continuously listed his home address as Kirkman (believed to be Kirkland), Washington. He has listed his father as his next of kin, and receives all his personal mail through the Steamship Company at its New York City address. Mr. HILL advised that the company has at its disposal the present whereabouts of the subject at all times as long as he remains employed by that company.

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At New York, New York

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Will check all available confidential informants and other sources, particularly the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation of the New York City Police Department, the Office of Naval Intelligence and [redacted] in an effort to determine the extent of his current activities in the Communist movement.

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One copy of this report is being designated for the Seattle Division for its information in view of the apparent permanent residence of the subject in that area.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA EUGENE R. HARRELL dated March 3, 1949 at New York are as follows:

- T-1      A highly confidential and reliable source having access to the apartment of JAMES SCOTTY MILLER and MARGARET BAILEY MILLER at 324 West 24th Street, New York City, on April 27, 1944.
- T-2      The report of Confidential Informant J. MORRIS dated March 2, 1942 at New York.
- T-3      Office of Naval Intelligence, Third Naval District.

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**SAC, New York**

April 22, 1949

Director, FBI

LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was  
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Your file 100-66341  
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Reference is made to the report of SA Eugene R. Harrell dated March 3, 1949, at New York. You are requested to submit Form FD 122 recommending a Security Index card on this subject.

Thereafter you should complete the investigation and submit a report reflecting any further information obtained concerning subject's activities.

FCZ:tg

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **100-66341 AMV**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/9/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/21, 23, 28; 4/18/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CLARK L. NEWTON</b>
TITLE <b>LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject reported active in Waterfront section of CP in 1942. Informant advised subject has not been heard of in the Waterfront Section for a long time. Named as a Communist member of the IID in 1939 by BEN GITLOW.

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**REFERENCES:**

Bureau file 100-81544.  
Report of SA EUGENE R. HARRELL, New York, 3/3/49.

**DETAILS:**

On October 17, 1939 BEN GITLOW, former Executive Secretary of the Communist Party of the United States, testified before the Dies Committee that the subject was a member of the National Committee of the International Labor Defense and was a known Communist.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that at a meeting of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party on April 8, 1941 subject stated that his assignment aboard the SS REUBEN TIPTON was to break down the "all aid to Britain" program and to educate the men in Communism. T-1 added that at a meeting of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party on February 24, 1942 the subject donated \$25.00.

*lcc OK  
met 6-10-49  
alc*

ENCLOSURE

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*Edward Scheraga*

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- 1 Capt. C. R. Woodson, DIB, 3/12/49
- 1 Seattle (Info.)
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On April 13, 1949 SA FRANK J. NOWLAN contacted Confidential Informant [redacted] who advised that subject has not been active in the Waterfront Section for a long time and has seemed to have dropped out of everything. Informant added that subject was very deaf.

The following Confidential Informants advised that subject was unknown to them:

Confidential Informants [redacted]  
[redacted]

Confidential Informant T-2 had no information not presently included in instant file.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The following Confidential Informants were mentioned in the report of SA CLARK L. NEWTON, at New York, dated May 9, 1949 :

T-1                      Bureau of Special Services and  
Investigation, New York City Police  
Department.

T-2                      ONI, New York City

The above informants have been given temporary symbols to further protect their identity in view of the information supplied.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Seattle Office since subject has given Kirkland, Washington as his home.



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

May 9, 1949

*prepare card**9-1*

Director, FBI

LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was.  
RE: SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared  
relative to the individual named below:

Name: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON *WM*  
Aliases: Larry Simpson

Residence Address: c/o John Simpson, Kirkland, Washington

Business Address: Prudential Steamship Company, State Street,  
New York City

☒ Native Born ☐ Alien ☐ Naturalized  
☒ Communist ☐ German ☐ Miscellaneous  
☐ Fascist (Italian) ☐ Japanese ☐

Date of Birth 4/11/02Place of Birth Chicago, Ill.

Entered U. S. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Naturalized (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Naturalized (place and Court) \_\_\_\_\_

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Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*

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*80* Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 9, 1949 *mt 9-1*

FROM : SAC, New York

*gml* SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa .  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the report of SA CLARK L. NEWTON,  
at New York, dated MAY 9 1949 .

Investigation at New York has shown that subject is not  
presently active in the Communist Party. However, it is felt that in view  
of subject's past activities and his employment in a vital industry, a  
security index card should be prepared.

A copy of the above report is being sent to the Seattle  
Office as the subject claims Kirkland, Washington as his home but since  
the subject is almost constantly at sea, with his home port at New York  
City, no recommendation is being made for a change in office of origin.

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cc Seattle

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June 17, 1949

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Special Agent in Charge

New York

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

SIMPSON, LAWRENCE B.  
Larry Simpson

NATIVE BORN

COMMUNIST

Res - c/o John Simpson  
Kirkland, Washington

Bus - Prudential Steamship Company  
17 State Street  
New York City, New York.

G.I.R.-7

The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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★ JUN 17 1949

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
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Miss Gandy

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York 7, New York

Director, FBI

RE: COMSAB  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C, R

LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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June 28, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Seattle Division, it is to be noted that this office in accordance with instructions from the Bureau has prepared a Security Index card on the subject captioned as follows:

"SIMPSON, LAWRENCE B.  
alias: Larry Simpson

NATIVE BORN

COMMUNIST

c/o John Simpson  
Kirkland, Washington (Res.)

Prudential Steamship Company  
17 State Street  
New York, New York (Bus.)

It is suggested that in view of the resident address of the subject, the Seattle office should also prepare a Security Index card on him. Because of his employment in vital industry, this office has tabbed the subject's Security Index card for priority attention in the event of an emergency.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt  
EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
SAC

cc: Seattle  
cc: NY 100-66341

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE  
 SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
 SECURITY MATTER - C  
Bureau file 100-81544

DATE:

July 8, 1949

*TORRES*

Re NY letter to the Bureau dated June 28, 1949, in captioned case, instructing the Seattle office to prepare a Security Index card on subject in view of the fact that his resident address is in the State of Washington.

This is to advise that a Security Index card has been prepared on the subject and the same has been tabbed COMSAB.

It will be noted that New York remains the office of origin.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Seattle  
 SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
 SECURITY MATTER - C  
 Bureau file 100-81544

DATE:

August 31, 1949

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*9-14-49*  
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This is to advise that the Security Index card maintained on the above-captioned subject in the Seattle Division has been tabbed both COMSAB and DETCOM.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 9, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: LAURENCE SIMPSON, wa  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Bufile 100-81544)

Relet Seattle to New York dated December 2, 1949 indicating that a Security Index card is being maintained in the Seattle Office and requesting a photograph of the subject.

It will be recalled that SAC letter #97 dated October 19, 1949 put an end to the practice of maintaining Security Index cards in auxiliary offices. New York has been maintaining a card on the subject on the basis that he is employed as a merchant seaman by a New York shipping concern.

Since it is noted that the home address of the subject is within the Seattle Division it is felt that Seattle should be the office of origin. Accordingly, FD 128 is being executed designating Seattle as the new office of origin and transmitting pertinent serials and photographs to that office. New York will no longer maintain a card on the subject.

cc: Seattle

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1-9-50

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
Bufile #100-81544

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Seattle Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Seattle Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: c/o John Simpson

Kirkland, Washington

Business Address: Prudential Steamship Company

17 State Street

New York, New York

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- ☒ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.  
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Seattle Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☒ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- ☒ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

2 Security Index Cards with photo of subject

Serials (specify) 2 photostatic copies of report of SA C. M. GURRY dated 3-6-42 at New Orleans; 2 photostatic copies of report of SA SMITH H. HORTON dated 7-29-42 at New Orleans; 1 copy of report of SA WILLIAM F. HIGGINS, Jr. dated 10-30-44 at New York; 1 copy of fingerprint record received from Bureau dated 10-8-48; 2 copies of photograph of subject and his handwritten signature obtained from U.S. Bureau of Marine Inspection & Navigation; 1 photostatic copy of photograph of subject and accompanying news item from "Daily Worker" of 2-29-42.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, Seattle  
SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
Bureau file 100-81544

DATE: April 20, 1950

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 356 West 56th Street, Apt. 4  
New York, N. Y.

Business Address: Unemployed

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Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- ☒ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.  
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The New York Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☒ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- ☒ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☒ Security Index Cards

Serials (specify) New York in possession of all pertinent serials.

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cc: NEW YORK (100-66341) Division (Enc.)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Bufile 100-81544)

DATE: September 12, 1950

The above is the subject of a Security Index Card in this office. Subject formerly resided at 356 West 56th Street, New York City, but recent attempts to determine the whereabouts of the subject have been negative. Inquiries at the above address reflect that the subject left during May, 1950.

Mrs. ELIZABETH WHITTMORE, 38-25 55th Street, Woodside, Long Island, advised that her mother had owned the apartments at 356 West 56th Street. Mrs. WHITTMORE could furnish no definite information as to the whereabouts of the subject, but was of the opinion that the subject went "out west".

Seattle is requested to make attempts to determine the whereabouts of the subject through Mr. and Mrs. HARRY ROBERTS, 1201 Market Street, Kirkland, Washington, who are personal friends of the subject, and from the subject's brother, KIMBALL SIMPSON, also of Kirkland, Washington.

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cc Seattle (100-1313)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 2, 1950

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Bureau file 100-81544)

Re New York letter to the Director dated September 12, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. HARRY ROBERTS, 1201 Market Street, Kirkland, Washington, advised that they met the subject in downtown Kirkland sometime in the latter part of August, 1950 and that they haven't seen the subject since. They are under the impression that the subject was to return to New York and as far as they know has returned to New York and that the subject had only come to Kirkland to complete some property settlement. The ROBERTS stated they would advise the Seattle Office in the event they come into any future information concerning the subject.

Under a suitable pretext the subject was contacted at which time he advised that he does not expect to return to New York or to return to sea duty. He has decided to "dig in" around Kirkland, Washington and plans to bring his Italian wife and child to Washington State to live. As yet subject has not completed arrangements to have his Italian wife brought into this country. He stated that his Italian wife is not interested in politics, one way or another.

The subject stated that he has taken no part in "activities" since his arrival in Washington and that he has decided to "settle down".

This information is furnished to the New York Office in order that they may take appropriate action regarding the subject.

It is noted that the subject is presently residing at the Simpson Rest Home, N. E. 60th Street, Kirkland, Washington, phone number 22-3677. The subject is presently unemployed. RUC.

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cc: New York (2)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 27, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

Card U.T.D.

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Bureau File 100-81544)

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Seattle Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Seattle Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: Simpson Rest Home  
N. E. 60th Street, Kirkland, Washington

Business Address: Unemployed

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- ☒ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.  
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Seattle Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☒ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- ☒ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☒ Security Index Cards, with photo.

Serials (specify)

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2 cc: Seattle Division (Enc.)(2) (100-1313)

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SECURITY INFORMATION

Chairman, Local Appeal Board  
1009 New World Life Bldg.  
~~XXXXXX~~ Seattle 4, Washington

Received from USCG through  
Liaison Channels  
Date 3/6/52

28 February, 1952

File: #234

From: Chairman, Local Appeal Board, Seattle, Washington  
To: Commandant (MVP)

Subj: SIMPSON, Lawrence B. (2-71411); screening rejectee; appeal of

1. SUBJECT INDIVIDUAL: Lawrence B. Simpson, 2-71411, was born in Chicago, Illinois, 12 April, 1902. He attended one semester of college at Washington State. He now resides at Route #1, Box 217, Kirkland, Washington, where he has been residing for 47 years. He was denied a validated Merchant Mariner's Document in Seattle. He has been going to sea for 30 years, and has held a Master's License for 3 years and officer's license for 19 years. He sailed throughout World War II in capacity of an officer of merchant ships in the North Atlantic. He is presently in a semi-retired position. He was not represented by counsel, and presented no witnesses on his behalf. His hearing was held 4 January, 1952, before a Board consisting of Capt. Clare W. Barnhart, Masters, Mates, & Pilots Association; John E. Ritchie, Pacific Maritime Association; and, James M. Donahue, acting as Chairman of the Board.

2. ALLEGED REASON FOR SCREEN OFF: The Subject was denied a validated document for the reason that he was reported as being a member of the Communist Party in 1944, and further for the reason that he was imprisoned in Germany and Rio De Janeiro for distributing Communist literature.

3. STATEMENTS ON APPEAL: On appeal he stated that he joined the Communist Party in San Francisco in 1932 because he considered that it had a solution to the economic conditions then prevailing, and would be of assistance to the working man. He remained a member of the Party until 1946, and stated that he left the Party because he believed that it was in a state of confusion and was not accomplishing its aims in any respects as he understood them to be. He denied that he felt that the Party stood for the overthrow of this Government by force and violence. He stated that he still believed in the Karl Marx theory of industry. His testimony was to the effect that he had been thoroughly indoctrinated into the principles of Karl Marx.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS: It is the unanimous recommendation of this Board that the Subject individual should still be considered a poor security risk, and should be denied his validated document. This recommendation is made because it is believed that by a long association with the Party, the Subject has been fully indoctrinated into its principles and policies, and into the Marxism theory of economics. Also, the Board was of the opinion that there was actually nothing in the record to indicate that he had made a clean break from the Party. Attached hereto will be found the recommendations of the individual board members with which this Chairman concurs.

NOT RECORDED  
25 MAR 10 1952

JAMES M. DONAHUE

Security file on Subject

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SECURITY INFORMATION

LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON

I recommend that Lawrence B. Simpson be denied validated seamans papers, due to his long association with the Communist Party as a member, and nothing definite that he has made a clean break up to the present time.

/s/ C. W. Barnhart

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LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON

I believe that on the basis of evidence contained in Simpson's confidential file, plus his admitted some 14 yrs as a CP member, and his admitted present belief in the writings of Karl Marx, Simpson should be considered a poor security risk.

/s/ J. E. Ritchie

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE:

May 26, 1952

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-1313)

ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISIONSUBJECT: LAWRENCE V. SIMPSON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

The Seattle Office, under date of August 27, 1951, submitted to the Bureau form FD-165 captioned as above requesting the placing of security flash in the files of the Identification Division against the record of LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, FBI No. 1210500, and also requesting that a copy of the Identification Record of this individual be submitted.

The Seattle file in this case does not reflect that a copy of the Identification Record has been received. It would be appreciated if the Bureau would verify the placing of the flash notice in the above identified record, and also would supply a copy of the fingerprint history.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE: April 6, 1953

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-1313)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Card U.T.D.  
4-21-53  
STATISTICS SECTION  
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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Newark Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Newark Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 85 Pennington Avenue

Passaic, New Jersey

Business Address: Accurate Manufacturing Company

44 Hepworth Place

Garfield, New Jersey

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- ☒ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.  
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Newark Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☒ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- ☒ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☒ Security Index Cards
- Serials (specify)
- Summary report being prepared.

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cc: (2) Newark Division (Enc.)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544) *✓*

DATE: April 6, 1953

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-1313) *✓*SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was  
SECURITY MATTER - C

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

A Security Flash Notice on the above-captioned subject was placed with the Identification Division under FBI No. 1 210 500 on June 5, 1952 by the Seattle Office. Office of Origin has now been changed from Seattle to Newark. The Identification Division is requested to post a Security Flash Notice on the above-captioned subject for the benefit of the Newark Office.

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*oo changed to sec. flash reported 4/14/53*

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INT. SEC. DIV.  
V.D. H. [Signature]

*Copy attached  
and filed with  
4/15/53*

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEWARK**

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT: <b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>MAY 20 1953</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/5,13;5/7,8/53</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JOHN J. SULLIVAN</b>
TITLE: <b>LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa., Larry Simpson</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

## SUMMARY REPORT

Subject presently resides at 85 Pennington Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey, and is employed by Accurate Manufacturing Company, Garfield, New Jersey. CI T-4 reported subject admitted he was a CP member from 1932 to 1946. BEN GITLOW, former Executive Secretary, CP, USA, identified subject as known Communist in Dies Committee hearing in October, 1939. T-7 reported subject a CP member in 1941. T-8 reported subject joined CP in 1932 and was a Communist Party member in 1942. T-9 reported subject a Communist Party member in 1943 and 1944. T-11 reported subject's attendance at CP meetings in New York in 1941 and 1942. T-1 reported subject arrested in Germany in 1936 and sentenced to three years for high treason. Articles in Daily Worker of 1/6/37 reflect subject's contact with CP leaders upon return from Germany. T-12 reported subject on National Advisory Board of International Labor Defense.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. BIRTH DATA

MRS LAWRENCE B. ~~SIMPSON~~ was born on April 11, 1902 at,  
Chicago, Illinois. ITALY WASH NY

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-1, of unknown reliability.

B. CITIZENSHIP

Subject is a native born United States citizen.

C. EDUCATION

Dates and place unknown - High school education -  
four years.

Dates unknown - Washington State College, Pullman,  
Washington - 1 year; electrical engineering.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-1.

D. MARITAL STATUS

This informant advised on January 7, 1953, that approximately three years ago, while in Italy, the subject had been named by an Italian girl as the father of her child, and as a result the subject eventually married this woman. The informant stated that he did not know the date or place of this marriage.

The informant further advised that after the subject returned to this country from Italy, he (the subject), made arrangements for his wife's entry and she arrived at Kirkland, Washington, with her child approximately a year ago. After a short time, the subject's wife was sent back to Italy and divorce proceedings were instituted by SIMPSON.

The informant went on to say that approximately three months ago, the subject went to New York to meet his wife who was re-entering the country. The informant stated that in his opinion, the subject is still married to the Italian woman but declared he did not know the name of the subject's wife. The informant stated that, in his opinion, the subject's wife was not a Communist and did not have any particular political beliefs.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-2, of unknown reliability.

E. MILITARY SERVICE

No information has been received by the Seattle Office regarding any military service on the part of the subject.

F. IDENTIFICATION RECORD

The following is the subject's Identification Record under FBI No. 1210500:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Polizeiprasident, Berlin, Germany	Lawrence Simpson # --	inquiry 12-11-36		
Capt. of the Port New York, N.Y.	Lawrence B. Simpson #157290-W	CG ident. card 3-5-42		

G. EMPLOYMENT

The subject has had the following employments:

This informant advised that the subject has been employed as an able-bodied seaman since 1920 and is also a licensed 3rd mate.

Witness: Confidential Informant T-1.

As of November 12, 1941 employed by Lykes Brothers Steamship Company, 925 Whitney Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Source: Personnel Records  
Lykes Brothers Steamship Co.  
New Orleans, La.

1943 - 1950: Prudential Steamship Company, New York City, as seaman.

Source: Personnel Records,  
Prudential Steamship Company,  
New York City.

November, 1951 to April, 1952 - Unemployed.

Source: Confidential Informant Seattle T-3, of known reliability.

As of December, 1952 - Accurate Manufacturing Company,  
44 Hepworth Place, Garfield, New Jersey.

Source: Records, Trinity Investment  
Company, 24 Commerce St.,  
Newark, New Jersey.

This informant advised that on February 28, 1952, the  
subject was denied validated seaman's papers due to his long association  
with the Communist Party and the fact that there is no evidence that he  
has made a clean break with the Communist Party up to this time.

Witness: Confidential Informant  
Seattle T-4, of known reliability.

#### H. RESIDENCES

The subject has resided at the following places of residence:

As of October, 1944 - 550 West 20th Street, New York City.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-1

As of January 30, 1950 - care of JOHN SIMPSON, Kirkland,  
Washington.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-5, of known reliability.

1950 - Apt. 4, 356 West 56th Street, New York City.

Source: Records, Apt. Unit  
356 West 56th St.  
New York City.

1951-1952 - Simpson Rest Home, N.E. 60th Street, Kirkland,  
Washington.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-3

December, 1952 to present - Apt. 1G, 85 Pennington  
Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey.

Witness: GEORGE HEGEMAN, Supt.  
85 Pennington Avenue  
Passaic, New Jersey

I. STATUS OF HEALTH

The hearing of the subject is badly impaired.

Source: Personnel records  
Prudential Steamship Co.  
17 State Street, New York City

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party has been declared by the U. S. Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

A. MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY

This informant advised in February, 1952, that the subject admitted he had joined the Communist Party in San Francisco, California in 1932 because he believed it was the solution to the economic conditions then prevailing and would be of assistance to the working man. He continued that he remained a Communist Party member until 1946, and then left the Party because he believed it was in a state of confusion and not accomplishing its aims in any respect as he understood them. He denied that the Communist Party stood for the overthrow of the government by force and violence but he stated he still believes in the KARL MARX theory of industry. According to the informant, the subject in his statement made it evident that he had been thoroughly indoctrinated in the principles of KARL MARX.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-4

In a pamphlet entitled ~~"The Blessings of Fascism"~~<sup>N.Y.</sup>, written by LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, published by the "National Lawrence Simpson Tour Arrangements Committee", 156 - 5th Avenue, New York City, the subject described the eighteen months he had spent in Nazi prisons. In this pamphlet, the subject referred to himself as a Communist.

Source: Pamphlet, "The Blessings of Fascism" by LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON

On October 7, 1939, BEN GITLOW, <sup>DC. N.Y.</sup> former Executive Secretary, Communist Party, USA, testified before the Dies Committee that the subject was a member of the National Committee of the International Labor Defense and was a known Communist.



The International Labor Defense has been declared by the U. S. Attorney to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On November 21, 1941, this informant advised that Seven Seas Club cards had been issued in exchange for old Key Club cards. The subject was listed as having received Communist Party membership card No. 1616 and as having donated \$20.00 to the Communist Party Seaman's fund drive.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-6, of known reliability.

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On January <sup>23</sup> 3, 1942, this informant advised that the subject was a Communist Party member in New Orleans, Louisiana. According to this informant, the subject became a Communist Party member in 1932 and has been issued Seven Seas card No. 1616.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-7, of known reliability.

This informant advised on April 27, 1944, that the subject held 1943 Anchor Club Communist Party membership No. 1815 in New York City and had been in the Party for ten years. The same informant further advised that the subject held 1944 Communist Party membership book No. 31036 in New York City.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-8, of known reliability.

This informant advised on April 13, 1949, that the subject has not been active in the Waterfront Section of New York City for a long while and has seemed to have dropped out of everything.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-9, of known reliability.

#### B. ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNIST PARTY MEETINGS

This informant advised that the subject was in attendance at a meeting of the Waterfront Section, Communist Party held on April 8, 1941, in New York City.

The same informant stated that the Waterfront Section, Communist Party, held a meeting on February 24, 1942, in New York City and the subject donated \$25.00 to the Communist Party at this meeting.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-10, of known reliability.

IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT INDICATING  
FURTHERANCE OF COMMUNIST PARTY PROGRAM

A. SUBJECT'S COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY AMONG U.S. SEAMEN

This informant advised that at a meeting of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party in New York City on April 8, 1941, the subject stated that his assignment aboard the SS Reuben Tipton was to "break down the all aid to Britain" program and to educate the men in Communism.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-10

B. CONTACT WITH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS

The "Daily Worker", issue of January 6, 1937, carried a picture captioned "EARL BROWDER, General Secretary of the Communist Party, Greets SIMPSON, a Member of the Party, with justified pride. Looking on is ROY B. HUDSON, Waterfront leader of the Party". This picture shows the subject being greeted by EARL BROWDER upon his return from imprisonment in Germany.

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Source: "Daily Worker", issue of January 6, 1937.

A special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report of March 29, 1944, cited the "Daily Worker" as the "chief journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party, founded in response to direct instructions from the Communist International in Moscow".

VI. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES CONCERNING THE SUBJECT AND  
OTHER ACTIVITIES.

A. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES RE SUBJECT

According to an article in the "New York Herald Tribune", date lined "Berlin, 12/1/36", the subject was listed as a 34-year old American seaman who was sentenced to three years in jail by the Peoples' Tribunal in Berlin on September 28, following his conviction on charges of subversive activities. The article indicated that SIMPSON was to be released on December 20 through the clemency of Chancellor HITLER.

SIMPSON, it was stated, would be turned over to American authorities with the understanding that he would be sent back to the United States by them. Under a technicality of German law he was to be "on parole" for five years, although the provision would have no meaning as long as he was not on German soil. Since, at the time of the trial, SIMPSON had passed fifteen months in concentration camps and prisons, on the day of his release he was to have been in custody nearly eighteen months. SIMPSON appealed through legal channels for a pardon and his appeal was supported by both the American Embassy and the Consulate General. The pardon granted was virtually a result of that appeal.

Source: "Herald Tribune", December, 1936.

In an editorial appearing in the "Daily Worker", issue of January 6, 1937, written by EARL BROWDER, the subject was praised for his fight against "Nazi Fascism" and was welcomed back to the United States.

Source: "Daily Worker", issue of January 6, 1937.

The subject's photograph appeared in the January 6, 1937 issue of the "Seattle Times". The photograph was captioned, "LAWRENCE SIMPSON, Kirkland seaman, lost no time in looking up old friends when he arrived back on American soil, after spending nearly 16 months in a German prison on a charge of disseminating Communistic literature".

Source: "Seattle Times", January 6, 1937 edition.

A photograph of the subject appeared in the "Daily Worker" of February 29, 1942, as being one of the speakers at a testimonial dinner on February 28, 1942 for ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, National Communist Party functionary and recently convicted under the Smith Act in New York City, at the Aldine Club, 200 - 5th Avenue, New York City.

Source: "Daily Worker", February 29, 1942.

The "Daily Worker", in its issue of December 17, 1937, carried an article entitled, "American Seamen Reveal Nazi Links to Vargas Regime After Their Arrest in Rio de Janeiro by Secret Agents". The article went on to relate that two American seamen had been listed as crew members of the Nunsing Liner Pan America. SIMPSON told reporters of the "Daily Worker" that he had been apprehended as soon as he left the ship; that he was questioned by police from a file of his record which had been sent from Germany. SIMPSON was held overnight, brought

back by the police and after the police had warned the master of the ship not to let SIMPSON ashore in Brazil in the future, he was allowed to go free.

Source: "Daily Worker", issue of  
December 17, 1937.

The subject's photograph appeared in the January 7, 1937 issue of the "Seattle Post Intelligencer". The photograph was captioned, "Pardoned by Hitler. Carried on shoulders of New York Communists, LAWRENCE SIMPSON, Kirkland sailor just returned to the U.S. after serving prison term for Red activities in Germany, responds to cheers of admirers".

Source: "Post Intelligencer" January  
7, 1936.

B. ATTITUDE OF SUBJECT TOWARD U. S. GOVERNMENT

This informant advised that on January 7, 1953, the subject, while in Germany, felt that the U. S. government had let him down by not coming to his assistance sooner when he was imprisoned in Germany and also recently felt that the U. S. government again had let him down by refusing to grant him a U. S. Coast Guard Security Card.

Witness: Confidential Informant  
Seattle T-2.

C. SUBJECT'S MEMBERSHIP IN COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT GROUPS

On April 10, 1942, this informant advised that the 1936-37 Annual Report of the International Labor Defense, a Communist Party defense group, listed the subject as a member of the national advisory board of the International Labor Defense.

Witness: Confidential Informant Seattle  
T-11, of known reliability.

VII. DESCRIPTION

The following description was obtained from the records of the Identification Division, FBI:

Name:  
Color:  
Sex:  
Born:  
Height:

<sup>B.</sup>  
LAWRENCE SIMPSON  
White  
Male  
April 12, 1902 at Chicago, Illinois  
5' 6"

SUMMARY

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Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Medium
Scars:	Scar on left index finger
Peculiarities:	Hard of hearing
Marital status:	Married
Relatives:	Wife and child (names unknown)
Social Security	
No.:	086-16-8659
Seamen's Identification No.:	271411
FBI No.:	1210500

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The New York and New Orleans Offices have been requested by letter to furnish complete documentation to Newark, new office of origin.

INFORMANT

T-1 Local Draft Board 19, 250 - 8th Ave., N.Y.C.	10/44	10/44	Unknown	100-1313-18
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T-2 KIMBALL SIMPSON, Subject's brother, Kirkland, Wash.	1/7/53	1/7/53	ROBERT E. MASON	100-1313-45
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T-3 Pretext telephone call	4/14/52	4/14/52	ROBERT E. MASON	100-1313-40
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T-4 13th CG Dist., 618 - 2nd Ave. Seattle, Was.	2/28/52	2/28/52	By mail to Seattle Office	100-1313-39
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T-5 Pretext telephone call	1/30/50	1/30/50	JOHN L. KETCHAM	100-1313-25
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T-6 [Redacted]	Subject issued Seven Seas Club CP Card #1616	Unknown	Unknown, written report dated 11/21/41	[Redacted]
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T-7 [Redacted]	Subject CP member in 1932 & issued Seven Seas CP Card #1616	1/23/42	JAMES O. PEYRONNIN	[Redacted]
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<u>T-9</u> FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	4/13/49	4/13/49	FRANK J. NOWLAN	Oral ly
<u>T-10</u> BSSI, NYC P.D.	4/8/41 2/24/42	1949 "	AUGUST J. MICEK "	NY 100-66341- 21 "
<u>T-11</u> ONI, 3rd Naval Dist.	1936-37	4/10/42	SAC NY (ONI flimsy dated 4/10/42)	NY 100-66341-4

REFERENCE

Report of SA CLARK L. NEWTON, dated 5/9/49, at New York.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE:

June 15, 1953

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-1313)

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SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.,  
Larry Simpson  
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Copies of the summary report of SA JOHN J. SULLIVAN dated 5/20/53 at Seattle, referring this case upon completion to Newark as the new office of origin, inadvertently were not furnished to the Newark Office.

There are attached, therefore, three copies of SA SULLIVAN'S report for Newark. The Bureau is requested to include the designation of copies for Newark on those copies of the report furnished to the Bureau.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 7, 1953

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-37587)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, Wa.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re report of SA JOHN J. SULLIVAN, dated 5/20/53 at Seattle.

On 5/6/53, GEORGE HEGEMAN, Manager, King Arthur Apartments, 85 Pennington Ave., Passaic, N. J., advised SA CARROLL T. ALLEN that the subject continues to reside in Apartment 1G at the above address. HEGEMAN advised that SIMPSON leads a very quiet life, never has visitors and seldom leaves the apartment except to go to work. He also stated that SIMPSON is hard of hearing and is extremely difficult to talk with.

On 5/6/53 Mrs. TARANTINO, Office Clerk, Accurate Manufacturing Co., 44 Hepworth Pl., Garfield, N. J., advised SA CARROLL T. ALLEN that the subject is an employee of the company. The company employment records described the subject as follows:

Birthdate:	4/4/02
Birthplace:	Chicago, Ill.
Former Occupation:	Master, Mate and Pilot, Ship's Mate
Former Employer:	Prudential Steamship Co., Mate, 1943 to 1949 Nursing Home, Seattle, Wash., Maintenance, 1947 to 1952
Dependents:	Wife, ILARIA, and one child
Present Occupation:	General helper <u>SIMPSON</u>
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	165 lbs.
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	White
Race:	White
Employed:	12/9/52
Social Security No.:	086-16-8659

On 5/19/53, [redacted] advised SA LOUIS S. LEAR that he has no knowledge of the subject.

On 4/29/53, the records of the Passaic, N. J. Police Department and the Passaic and Bergen County Credit Bureau were reviewed by SA CARROLL T. ALLEN and reflected no information identifiable with the subject.

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A review of the files of the Newark Office reflects no information concerning the subject which has not previously been reported. The files contain no information indicating that the subject has been active in any subversive groups since moving to N. J.

No recommendation is being made that the subject be interviewed since it is felt that the subject's hearing defect would prevent a satisfactory interview.

In view of the above, no further action in this case is being taken at this time.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE: July 24, 1953

FROM : *JS* SAC, NEWARK (100-37587)SUBJECT: *mlg* LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
*g* SM - CCard U.T.D.  
8.5.53 *af*

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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Reurlet dated July 7, 1953.

A review of the subject's file reflects that he has been a Communist Party member from 1932 to 1946. It is further noted that no substantial activity on the part of the subject has been reported since 1946. It is not felt that the subject's hearing defect is sufficient reason not to conduct an interview with him. Authority is, therefore, granted to interview this subject in accordance with existing Bureau instructions pertaining to interviews of security subjects.

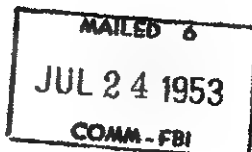
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TITLE LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa. Larry Simpson			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject interviewed 10/29 and 11/3/53 and admitted membership in IWW and the CP. Subject stated he was active in above organizations from 1920 to 1946. Stated he has not been active in CP since 1946. Subject stated that in event of war with Russia he would not be sympathetic with the U. S. Subject stated he ceased his activities in the CP because of FBI investigations into the CP. Stated FBI similar to the Nazi Gestapo. Description set forth.

## DETAILS:

The Communist Party and the Industrial Workers of the World have been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S., pursuant to Executive Order # 10450.

Subject was interviewed at his home, 85 Pennington Ave., Passaic, N. J., on 10/29 and 11/3/53 by SAs CARROLL T. ALLEN and the writer. The subject was advised that he did not have to talk to the interviewing agents and if he wished he could have the right to counsel.

INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT

Subject stated that he was born in Chicago, Ill., 4/12/02. Subject stated he was married to one ILARIA MELESE SIMPSON, who he is now separated from. The last address of his wife was 277 Thompson St., New York City. Subject advised he was married three years ago, and has one daughter, GRACE, age 6. He said he is currently employed at the Accurate Manufacturing Co., 44 Hepworth Place, Garfield, N. J.

ENCLOSURE

Subject informed that in 1904 his family moved to Seattle and shortly thereafter, moved to Kirkland, Washington, where they resided

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at Route 1, Box 272, NE, 60th St., at 112th St., Kirkland, where his parents now reside. He added that he attended grade school and high school in Kirkland, and graduated high school in 1920. In the summer of 1920 until the fall of 1921, subject informed that he worked in a logging camp in Darrington, Washington. While working in Darrington, the subject stated he joined the Industrial Workers of the World. In 1921 the subject completed one semester at Washington State University, where he stated he was an honor student. He stated that he was unable to continue his university training because of financial problems.

From 1921 until 1929, subject advised that he worked on various lumber boats between Seattle and San Pedro, Calif., and during this time the subject stated he continued his membership in the IWW. He stated he was not particularly active in this organization at this time, but that he merely paid dues.

In 1929, subject went to work for the Fairbank Expiration Co., in Fairbank, Alaska. He worked for the above company for three years. In 1932 the subject stated he returned to working for the lumber boats running between Seattle, Washington and San Pedro, Calif. Subject stated that in 1932 he joined the Communist Party at San Pedro, Calif. He stated that he was still a member of the IWW at that time. He stated that the leaders of the IWW at that time were ~~GEORGE HARDY~~, ~~WILLIAM HAYWOOD~~ and ~~GEORGE SPEED~~.

Subject stated that in 1932 his ship made port not only at Seattle and San Pedro, but in San Francisco, Calif. He further stated that at that time HARRY BRIDGES was a gang boss in San Francisco. He stated that he also joined the Marine Workers Industrial Union in San Francisco, and advised while in that union, he helped to print the Waterfront Worker, whose editor was one HARRY HINES. Subject noted that HINES was later killed in Spain. He advised that the Marine Workers Industrial Union at that time was a Communist-dominated organization.

While in San Francisco, besides helping to mimeograph copies of the Waterfront Worker, the subject distributed the Worker and put up posters on the waterfront. He advised that the head of the CP for the West Coast at that time was one SAM DAVEY and that HARRY HINES, besides being an editor for the Waterfront Worker, which it should be noted was an organ for the Marine Workers Industrial Union, was also a member of the CP. Subject advised that the MWIU had a hall on either Washington St. or Clay St. in San Francisco and that the CP had quarters somewhere on Market St. in San Francisco.

The subject in 1932 attended a Workers School run by the CP, and advised that at that time he was shipping between San Francisco and Eureka, Washington.

In 1933, the subject left San Francisco for New York City, and advised that upon his arrival there he went to the MWIU Hall and obtained

work on the Panama Pacific Lines. He stated that at the MWIU Hall, he determined that the Waterfront Section of the CP had quarters on W. 18th St., New York City. The subject stated he then transferred his membership in the CP from San Francisco to the Waterfront Section of the CP in New York City. He advised that one ROY HUDSON was the leader of the Waterfront Section of the CP, and that HARRY HINES and one AL LANNON were also leaders of this group.

The Waterfront Section of the CP, New York City, according to the subject, held meetings once a week in their hall on W. 18th St. In 1934 the subject joined the International Seamen's Union, AFL, and in 1934, he stated he went to work for the United States Lines. He advised that while a member of the Waterfront Section of the CP in New York City, he distributed CP literature, recruited members into the CP and spoke at various meetings. He stated that he could not say specifically which meetings he spoke at, nor could he give specific dates regarding his own attendance at meetings. He stated that in 1935, while working for the U. S. Lines aboard the SS Manhattan, he was arrested in Hamburg, Germany, by the Nazi Government. He advised that he had made several trips to Germany and that on each trip he would bring with him to Germany Communist Party literature to be distributed to German Communists.

At that time he advised that one ERNEST THEILMAN was head of the German CP. Subject related that he was arrested by the Germans and charged with conspiracy to overthrow the existing German Government. He was further charged with spying and other subversive activities. In December of 1936, the subject was released from jail in Germany, at which time he returned to the U. S.

He advised that upon his return to the U. S., he wrote several articles, the names of which he could not recall, however, they related to his time spent in the Nazi prison camp. He believed he wrote one article for the International Labor Party entitled, "Eighteen Months in a German Concentration Camp."

From 1939 to 1940, the subject declared he was employed by the United Fruit Lines, with home port being New York City. During this period, whenever the subject was in the New York City area, he advised that his duties for the CP were to contact German seamen who arrived in the Port of New York, for the purpose of indoctrinating them in the CP doctrine and philosophy. Subject related that he oftentimes contacted these German seamen at the 42nd St. piers in Hoboken, N. J., where the German Bernstein Lines ships docked.

In 1936, subject stated he lectured at meetings of what he called the "Defense Committee" of the CP. He advised that ANNA RAMIN, whom he believed resided in New York City, was the head of this "Defense Committee".

He stated further that sometime during this period, he joined the Master Mates and Pilots Organization. Subject asserted that from about 1940

to 1942, he was employed by the Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., whose home offices were located in New Orleans, La. During this period, he declared that he had membership in a Communist Party group in New Orleans, La., and that he paid dues to this group in New Orleans whenever he was in the port of New Orleans. He could not recall where their headquarters were located or who was the head of this organization, nor could he furnish the name of the organization.

For a short while in 1942, the subject advised he was employed by the Lukenbach Lines, and in 1943, he said that he went to work for the Prudential Steamship Co., New York City. He continued his employment with this line until 1949 or 1950.

In 1949 or 1950, he advised that the U. S. Coast Guard refused to validate his seaman's papers, so he returned to Seattle, Washington, where he resided at the home of his father.

In 1952, he returned to New York City, and for a short time resided at 157 W. 75th St., New York City. He obtained employment at the Accurate Manufacturing Co., Garfield, N. J., and then moved from New York City to Passaic, N. J., where he currently resides.

Subject asserted that since 1946, he has had no "formal" contact with the CP or any of his former friends in New York City. He stated that he discontinued his active affiliation with the Party in 1946 because he was in sympathy with EARL BROWDER. He asserted that he does not believe that the CP of the U. S. advocates the violent overthrow of the Government of the U. S. He further advised that he is still in sympathy with the CP, and that he still considers himself a Communist. He added that another reason for his discontinuing active association with the CP was a result of "you fellows" investigation on the waterfront. It should be noted that subject was referring to the FBI when he said "you fellows".

The subject was questioned concerning his statement that he had no formal contact with the CP or members of the CP, and he advised that he had no contact at present with the CP or CP members. The subject declared that the FBI was following the same tactics as the Nazi Gestapo in their investigation of the CP in the U. S. He further declared that it was his belief that the FBI was contacting parole boards in New York City to place "goons" on the waterfront to fight Communism. He asserted that the newspapers recently contained questioned concerning the "goons" on the waterfront and that the newspapers wondered how these "goons" got control of the waterfront. He then stated, "You fellows know how they got control". His explanation of this last remark was the one previously mentioned concerning the alleged placing of "goons" on the waterfront by the FBI to combat Communism. The

The subject was asked where his sympathies would lie in the event of war with Russia and he answered by saying, "I do not believe in the old proverb, 'My Country, Right or Wrong'." He was asked for an explanation of this statement and he declared that it was inconceivable that Russia under



any circumstances could perpetrate a war with the U. S., and if they did perpetrate a war with the U. S., it would only be as a result of actions by the U. S. He advised that he therefore must sympathize with Russia in any war with the U. S.

Subject again asserted that it was not necessary for the CP, USA to violently overthrow the existing government of the U. S. to gain control of this government. He stated that the policy of the CP, USA, was to gain political control and therefore through political means, establish a Communistic type of government in the U. S. This, he stated, could only be done by having the majority of people in favor of Communism. He asserted that this was the doctrine of LENIN and that he, himself, was a "Leninite".

Concerning the statements of the subject during the interview, it should be noted that his statements do not conflict with any information concerning the subject's activities in the CP known to this office.

The following is a description of subject as obtained from observation and from the records of the Identification Division of the FBI:

*Mrs.*  
Name: ~~LAWRENCE~~ SIMPSON *N.Y.*  
Color: White  
Sex: Male  
Born: 4/12/02, Chicago, Illinois  
Height: 5'6" - 5'7"  
Weight: 160 lbs.  
Hair: White - balding  
Eyes: Blue  
Complexion: Ruddy  
Build: Medium  
Scars: Scar on left index finger  
Peculiarities: front right tooth gold; appears to be extremely hard of hearing  
Marital Status: Wife - ILARIA MELESE SIMPSON  
277 Thompson St., New York, N. Y.  
1 Child - GRACE, age 6  
St. Joseph's Home, Totaway, N. J.  
Social Security No.: 086-16-8659  
Employment: Accurate Manufacturing Co.,  
44 Hepworth Place, Garfield, N. J.  
Residence: 85 Pennington Ave., Passaic, N. J.  
FBI: # 1210500  
Photograph available

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A copy of this report is being furnished to the New York Division since the subject resided in that area for a considerable period and he has stated that he was a member of the New York Waterfront Section of the CP.

Leads

NEWARK DIVISION

At Newark, N. J.

Will await Bureau authority to reinterview subject.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN J. SULLIVAN, dated  
5/20/53 at Seattle

Newark letter to Bureau dated 7/7/53

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE: 11/23/53

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-37587)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
SM-C

Enclosed is report of SA LEO. P. MC GILLICUDDY dated 11/23/53 at Newark, setting forth results of interview with the subject.

The following observations were made by the interviewing agent concerning the subject:

The subject showed no surprise at being interviewed by agents of the FBI. During the interview, the subject was pleasant and cooperative to the extent of relating his activity in the CP. He readily admitted that he had been a member of the IWW and the CP from 1920 to 1946, but denied being an active member of the Party since that date. He stated that he was a "LENINITE" and explained this by saying that LELIN believed that the political overthrow of a government could be accomplished only by having a majority of people in favor of Communism. He advised that he still considered himself to be a Communist and that, in the event of war with Russia, his sympathies would necessarily lie with that country.

The subject appeared thoroughly indoctrinated with Marxist-Leninist theory, and has apparently read a considerable amount of literature concerning this philosophy. He admitted carrying CP literature from the U. S. to Germany, but denied that he ever acted as a courier for the Russian Government or that he ever carried documents other than CP literature to Germany. Subject declared that he would be most willing to listen to proof that the CP advocated the violent overthrow of the government of the U. S. It should be noted that he has stated that he, himself, does not believe in the violent overthrow of the government.

Concerning the FBI, the subject stated that one of the reasons he discontinued his active affiliation with the CP in New York City was as a result of FBI investigation of Communist activity in that area. He further advised that the FBI was responsible for the placing of known criminals on the New York waterfront and that the reason for this action by the FBI was to combat Communism.

It is noted that this interview was the initial interview with the subject and no attempt was made to refute the doctrines expounded by the subject. However, concerning the placing of "goons" on the docks by the FBI, the interviewing agents vigorously pointed out that this was not

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the policy of the FBI, and that the FBI did not participate in such actions.

Throughout the interview, the subject refused to give names of any other individuals whom he knew to be Communists or whom he associated with during his active years in the CP. Throughout the interview, the subject remained completely calm, not at all militant, and appeared quite willing to discuss not only his own activities, but the Communist philosophy as well. He appeared slightly bitter over the fact that his seaman's papers were not validated, but he showed no antagonism toward the interviewing agents or toward the FBI, despite his statement concerning the alleged placing of "goons" on the waterfront by the FBI.

It was felt by the interviewing agents that the subject possessed considerable knowledge concerning CP activities on the New York waterfront and on CP activities in the Maritime Service in general.

It is therefore requested that Bureau authority be granted to interview the subject with the idea of possibly developing him into a security informant. It is noted that he is a confirmed Communist, however it is felt that up to this point the subject has never discussed Communism with any other individuals other than seamen and longshoremen. It is therefore felt that a logical presentation of Communist philosophy by Bureau agents may possibly dissuade the subject from his views. It is further felt that in the event he was dissuaded from his views, he would be of invaluable aid to the Bureau concerning CP activities on the New York waterfront.

Subject is currently carried as a SI by the Newark Office, and it is recommended that this classification be retained. 7

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TITLE <b>LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, Wa. Larry Simpson</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject reinterviewed 2/19/54. Subject advised he still believes in the Communist way of life, but insists that he does not advocate the violent overthrow of the Government. Subject indicated that he still has contacts with CP members in New York City.

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REQ. REC'D 3-18-54

REP'T FORW. 3-30-54

BY R. L. Simpson (X-)

**DETAILS:** SIMPSON was reinterviewed at his home, 85 Pennington Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey, on February 19, 1954 by the writer and SA EDWARD G. BURKE.

The interview consisted of a theoretical discussion of Communist philosophy and its effect in the United States. The subject advised that he still believed that the Communist form of government was the best form of government and that the United States must eventually adopt this form of government. He pointed out that MARX's dialectic indicated that the natural evolution of history will bring the Communist form of government to all capitalistic nations. He emphasized that he himself does not, nor has he ever, believed that this adoption of the Communist form of government would take place through violent revolution and overthrow of the existing government, but rather through a peaceful and political means.

During the course of the interview, the subject indicated that he was still familiar with members of the Communist Party in New York City. He would not indicate their identities at this time inasmuch as he felt that he might compromise them.

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It should be noted that the interview with the subject lasted for approximately three hours and during that time the subject, although hesitant to discuss other members of the Communist Party, was most cooperative in discussing the Communist philosophy, as such.

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LEADS

NEWARK DIVISION

At Passiac, N.J.

Will maintain contact with the subject in an effort to gain his confidence and develop him into a Security Informant.

REFERENCE: Report of SA LEO P. MC GILLICUDDY, dated 11/25/53,  
at Newark

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544) (ENCLOSURE)

DATE: 3/24/54

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-37587)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, Wa.  
Larry Simpson  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
POTENTIAL SECURITY INFORMANTREFERENCE: Report of SA LEO P. MC GILLICUDDY, dated 3/24/54,  
at Newark

Enclosed is the report of SA LEO P. MC GILLICUDDY setting forth the results of a recent interview with the subject.

The subject was reinterviewed at his home, 85 Pennington Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey, by SAs EDWARD G. BURKE and LEO P. MC GILLICUDDY. The purpose of the interview was to discuss with the subject the philosophy of Communism in an attempt to both gain his confidence and dissuade his political thinking.

Concerning the subject, it is noted that he has been a member of the International Workers of the World and the Communist Party since 1920, and he has a firm foundation in the teachings and literature of various Communist philosophers.

During the interview, various fallacies in MARXIST doctrine were pointed out to the subject, however, the subject in each instance would quote another part of MARXIST philosophy in rebuttal.

It appeared that the subject was very doubtful of his arguments after some of these fallacies in his philosophy were exposed. He clung desperately to his beliefs, but it was apparent that many of the arguments presented to him were rather new to his way of thinking.

During the interview, which lasted about three hours, the subject was most cooperative and remained very attentive to everything that was said. The interviewing Agents in conducting the interview placed the subject on the defensive and he was visibly disturbed by this fact, inasmuch as during previous interviews with the subject no attempt had been made to refute his arguments.

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During the interview, the subject stated that AL LANNON, a Communist Party member and Communist Party leader in New York City, did not believe in the violent overthrow of the government, even though he was a leader of the Communist Party.

It was pointed out to the subject that various Smith Act trials had proved that the Communist Party, USA, was dedicated to the violent overthrow of the government, as was the whole principle of Communist philosophy. The Agents suggested to the subject that perhaps he should contact LANNON and ask him just what the Communist Party, USA, did believe in. The subject, although he did not say so, indicated that perhaps he might contact LANNON in the near future, to determine just how the Communist Party leaders felt concerning the violent overthrow of the government.

It was suggested to the subject that additional contacts be made with him and he advised that he would be quite willing to talk to the Agents.

It was the opinion of the interviewing Agents that the subject, at the conclusion of the interview, was visibly doubtful concerning some of his beliefs. It was also felt that this was the first time that the subject had ever discussed Communist philosophy with any individuals who were opposed to that type of government and that, as a result of this, he was very much impressed.

It was felt that, as a result of the interview, the subject would contact his former associates in New York City to determine the Party's present position.

The subject will be recontacted by this office in the near future, at which time further attempts will be made to discuss Communist philosophy with him and dissuade him from his views. It is believed that the subject still has numerous contacts with the Communist Party and its members in New York City. If the subject can be shown the fallacies in Communist philosophy, he will be cooperative to the extent of furnishing information to this office.

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Authority is granted to recontact subject under secure conditions to determine if he would be willing to cooperate with your office. Advise Bureau of results.

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TITLE <b>LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, Wa.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject employed Accurate Manufacturing Company, Garfield, New Jersey, and resides at 85 Pennington Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey. Subject reinterviewed on June 29, 1954 and stated he still believed in Communist form of Government. Subject in discord of administration of United States Government and is of belief Communists will eventually gain control of this country through peaceful and political means.

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REQ. REC'D *3-18-59*

REP'D *3-30-59*

BY *R. J. Smith*

**DETAILS:**

*Re: Gloria Simpson*

*(X-spouse) I. BACKGROUND*

**A. EMPLOYMENT**

Subject advised on June 29, 1954 that he is employed by the ACCURATE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 44 Hepworth Place, Garfield, New Jersey.

**B. RESIDENCE**

Subject resides at 85 Pennington Avenue, Apartment 1-G, Passaic, New Jersey

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## II. MISCELLANEOUS

### A. RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT

On June 29, 1954 SIMPSON was reinterviewed at his home, 85 Pennington Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey by Special Agent JENE W. OWENS and the writer.

The Subject stated that he still believed that the Communist form of Government was the best form of Government and said that in view of recent developments in Guatemala he has become convinced he is right in his belief. He further stated that his loyalty is with the United States as a country but that he is in discord with the administration of the United States Government. He maintained that eventually the Communists will gain control of the United States and will institute its own form of Government. He was of the belief that the Communist Party would not advocate the violent overthrow of the Government of the United States but rather would gain control through peaceful and political means.

The Subject stated that he was not now affiliated with the Communist Party but if the Communist Party was operating in the open he would still be an active member. Although the Subject readily admitted his former membership in the Communist Party he was, however, reluctant to disclose the identities of his former associates or divulge any information concerning them.

The Communist Party, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Subject advised that he had at no time in the past ever been approached, or had he ever been engaged in any act of espionage or sabotage while a member of the Communist Party and further advised that he would refuse to commit any act of espionage or sabotage if approached by anyone for this purpose.

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REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Newark dated 4/9/54.  
Report of Special Agent LEO P. MC GILLICUDDY dated 3/24/54  
at Newark.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE: 7/16/54

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-37587)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, Wa.  
SM - C  
PSI

Re report of Special Agent ALVIN A. BUBEN dated 7/16/54 at Newark.

The Subject was reinterviewed at his home, 85 Pennington Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey on June 29, 1954 by Special Agents JENE W. OWENS and ALVIN A. BUBEN. The purpose of the interview was to determine whether the Subject would be cooperative to the extent of furnishing information to the Bureau.

The Subject was very cordial and receptive toward the interviewing agents and talked freely of his knowledge of the theory of Marxism. The Subject stated that he still believed in the Communist form of Government and that in view of recent developments in Guatemala he has become convinced he is right in his belief. He further stated that his loyalty is with the United States as a country, it being his country of birth, however, he is in discord with the administration of the United States Government. He maintained that eventually the Communists would gain control of the United States and institute its own form of Government. He was of the belief that the Communist Party did not advocate the violent overthrow of the United States Government but rather would gain control through peaceful and political means.

The Subject advised that he was not now affiliated with the Communist Party inasmuch as the Party was now operating underground. However, he said that if the Communist

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Party would operate in the open and would make public its views and aims he would still be active in the Party.

Relative to the above, the Subject stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation caused the Communist Party to operate underground. His explanation of this was that the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a result of its customs and "harassment" of members of the Communist Party, caused this situation to come about.

The Subject was at this point reminded that the purpose of this interview was not one of harassment but rather for the purpose of determining whether the Subject would be willing to cooperate to the extent of furnishing information to the FBI.

The Subject advised that he had furnished information concerning his affiliation with the Communist Party during previous interviews but would be unwilling to cooperate to the extent of furnishing information concerning his former associates in the Communist Party. He reiterated that he was convinced that the Communist form of Government was the best form and his attitude in this respect has not changed.

In view of the Subject's expressed maintenance of his views towards Communism no further contact with him is being contemplated.

It is recommended that the Subject's name be retained in the SI.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE: May 25, 1955

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-37587)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
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REFERENCE: SAC Letter 55-30

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE:

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In interview in 1953 subject admitted being a member of Industrial Workers of the World and the COMMUNIST PARTY from 1920 to 1946 but denied formal association with CP since 1946. Subject described himself as a "Leninist" and stated that in case of war with Russia his sympathies would lie with Russia. He stated that he does not believe in violent overthrow of the government.

In interview on 2/19/54 subject stated he still believed Communism to be the best form of government and inevitable in the U. S. He stated he believes this will come about through peaceful means. On 6/29/54 subject was again interviewed and stated that he still believed in Communism and would probably become active if a CP operating in the open would be formed.

RECOMMENDATION:

*I agree*

Retain in Security Index since subject has, as late as 1954, voluntarily confirmed his adherence to CP principles and doctrines. This information was obtained through interview with the subject.

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1. Tabbed Detcom and Comsab.
2. Not approved for Detcom tabbing under the new criteria.
3. Retain Detcom tabbing. Subject has stated upon interview that his sympathies would lie with Russia if the U. S. and Russia came to war. Subject's potential as a saboteur and disruptionist is manifestly high.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE: May 25, 1955

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-37587)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEWARK**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/18/55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/5, 13, 28, 29; 8/2, 3, 15-17/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES N. KENNEDY, Jr. bar</b>
TITLE <b>LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject residing 85 Pennington Ave., Passaic, N. J., and employed by Accurate Manufacturing Co., 44 Hepworth Pl., Garfield, N. J. Newark informants familiar with some phases of CP activity in Northern N. J. advised that the subject is unknown to them.

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**DETAILS: I BACKGROUND**

**A. Residence**

On July 13, 1955 Newark T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject was then residing at 85 Pennington Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey.

**B. Employment**

On July 5, 1955 a pretext interview reflected that the subject was then employed by the Accurate Manufacturing Company, 44 Hepworth Place, Garfield, New Jersey.

**II CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)**

The COMMUNIST PARTY has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

AGENCY **REC. ON 10/10/55**  
 REQ. REC'D  
 DATE FORW. **8-31-55**  
 HOW FORW. **0-6 0-14**  
 BY **AGT - 871**

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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On July 29, 1955 Newark T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with some phases of CP activity in Northern New Jersey, advised that the subject was unknown to him.

On August 3, 1955 Newark T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with some phases of CP activity in Northern New Jersey, advised that the subject was unknown to him.

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T-1 - FRANK GANGI U. S. Post Office Passaic, N. J.	Residence	7/13/55	JAMES J. GILLIS	Instant report
T-2 - [REDACTED]	Negative	7/29/55	LOUIS F. HIBAN	"
T-3 - [REDACTED]	"	8/3/55	JAMES R. LAUGHLIN BERTIE J. WRISTON	"

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed.

Subject is a Security Index subject in the Newark Division, and his SI card is current and accurate.

The pretext interview referred to in the Details of instant report was conducted by SA JAMES J. GILLIS on July 7, 1955, via a telephone call to the offices of the Accurate Manufacturing Co., 44 Hepworth Pl., Garfield, N. J. It was not necessary for SA GILLIS to identify himself during the course of this interview.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ALVIN A. BUBEN dated 7/16/54 at Newark

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE: 9/7/55

FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-37587)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
SM - C

Rerep of SA JAMES N. KENNEDY, JR., dated 8/18/55  
at Newark.

The Administrative Page of rerep, 3rd Paragraph,  
states that the pretext interview referred to in the details  
of the report was conducted on 7/7/55. This date should read  
7/5/55. Newark is changing its copies of rerep and the Bureau  
is requested to change its copies.

No administrative action is recommended.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE: September 13, 1955

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-37587)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, Wa.  
SM - C  
(SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION)

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Re SAC Letter 55-26 (G).  
Rerep SA JOHN J. SULLIVAN, dated May 20, 1953, at  
Seattle.

In accordance with referenced SAC letter, there are  
herewith enclosed for the Bureau and Seattle supplemental  
administrative pages for supplemental documentation.

As a result of documentation received from New  
Orleans, the date January 3, 1942, on Page 6 in the details  
of rerep is in error and should be changed to read January 23,  
1942.

The Bureau and Seattle are requested to correct  
their copies.

Seattle is requested to correct the copy of rerep  
disseminated to the 13th Coast Guard District; Newark has  
made the above change on its copies of rerep.

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CC: 2-Seattle (100-1313) (Encl. 3) (REG MAIL)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-81544)

DATE: August 23, 1956

FROM : SAC, Newark, (100-37587)

Card U.T.D.  
8-28-56  
aaSUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
SM-C

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

XX The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

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## KEY FACILITY DATA:

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INTERESTED AGENCIES \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS ✓ UNKNOWN

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*8/18/56* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Reporting Office <b>NEWARK</b>	Office of Origin <b>SEATTLE</b>	Date <b>10/9/56</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/7,9,13;9/24,25/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.</b>		Report made by <b>JAMES J. GILLIS</b>	Typed By: <b>ejm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:

Subject resigned from job at Accurate Manufacturing Company, Garfield, N.J., on 4/6/56 and presently resides and is employed at a family operated rest home in Houghton, Wash. Newark informants have no knowledge of subject.

*C* AGENCY *photo-INS-NYC*

REQ. REC'D *3-18-59*

REP'T FORW. *3-30-59*

*R. H. H. H.*

*Re: Gloria Simpson*  
DETAILS: *(X - spouse)*

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AGENCY *RAB, CG*  
REQ. REC'D *10-22-56*  
DATE FORW. *06-0-14c*  
HOW FORW. *VDH/aw*  
BY

ARTHUR W. WRISTA, Accurate Manufacturing Company, 44 Hepworth Place, Garfield, New Jersey, advised SA JAMES J. GILLIS on August 7, 1956, that SIMPSON resigned from his position on April 6, 1956, and advised at the time of his resignation that he was moving his residence to Route 1, Box 272, Kirkland, Washington.

On September 6, 1956, Sheriff DONALD COREY, Houghton, Washington, stated to SA ROBERT M. MAC NAMARA that the SIMPSON family operated a rest home on Northeast 60th, Houghton, Wash.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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AGENCY *Photo CIA*  
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DATE FORW. *8-21-57*  
BY *So/Man*

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Sheriff COREY stated the address was formerly Route 1, Box 272, Kirkland, Wash. Sheriff COREY said that the SIMPSONS are a very clanish family and that they operated a large rest home in a very secluded area in the undeveloped end of Houghton, Wash.

On September 7, 1956, one MIKE FALK made available a list of registered voters to SA MAC NAMARA at the SIMPSON Rest Home and it was noted that LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON was registered as a legal voter in the State of Washington as of May, 1956.

On September 7, 1956, One ~~MARVIN HOWLAND~~, 6008 108th Northeast, Houghton, Wash., advised SA MAC NAMARA that he is a "shirt tail relative" of the SIMPSONS and that he observed the subject at the SIMPSON Rest Home as recently as September 6, 1956, and believes that the subject is working there at the present time.

Informants who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with certain phases of COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) activities in New Jersey, advised they have no knowledge of the subject.

The COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Informants mentioned in the details of this report  
are identified as follows:

[REDACTED]	8/9/56		HAROLD D. MILLER, RAYMOND F. HOYLE	
RDIA(b)(7) - (D)	8/13/56		ROBERT C. ROSEMERE, JOHN H. CONNORS	

Careful consideration has been given to each source  
concealed and they were concealed only where necessary.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JAMES N. KENNEDY, JR. dated August 18,  
1955, at Newark.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)  
 FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-37587)  
 SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
 SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: October 17, 1956

Card U.T.D.

10-26-56  
am

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Seattle Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Seattle Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: Northeast 60th  
Houghton, Washington

Business Address: Rest Home  
Northeast 60th  
Houghton, Washington

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.  
☒ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.  
 (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Seattle Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)  
☒ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.  
☐ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.  
☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.  
☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.  
☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.  
☒ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.  
 The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

2 Security Index Cards Third card will be forwarded when received from resident agency.

Serials (specify)

Report of SA LEO P. MC GILLICUDDY, Newark 11/25/53  
 Report of SA LEO P. MC GILLICUDDY, Newark 3/24/54.  
 Report of SA ALVIN A. BUBEN, Newark, 27/16/54.  
 Report of SA JAMES N. KENNEDY, JR., Newark 8/18/55.

2 cc: Seattle Division (Encs) 6 Registered Mail  
 1 cc: Identification Division (FBI #1210500)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. F. Bland *gjm*

FROM : Mr. T. D. Rushing *NR*

SUBJECT: *0*  
LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON  
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DATE: October 22, 1956

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 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The case on the above-captioned individual has been reviewed by the Department and the subject's name approved for inclusion in the Security Index.

The memorandum reflecting departmental approval dated October 8, 1956, is located in Bureau file 100-398030 Serial 1827.

TDR:pjm *gjm*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544) (REG.) DATE: 10/24/56

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-1313)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Simpson Rest Home, N.E. 60th., Houghton, Washington

## KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED AGENCIES \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE: 11/27/56

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-1313)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference report of SA JAMES J. GILLIS dated October 9, 1956 at Newark.

On October 8, 1956 MIKE FALK, City Clerk, Houghton, Washington advised that he talked with the subject at the Simpson Rest Home. The subject stated that he is a Sea Captain by profession, however, he is not in good health at the present time.

The subject said that he is the son of JOHN G. SIMPSON and that his brothers are MELVIN SIMPSON, KIMBALL SIMPSON, and HERBERT SIMPSON, deceased. The subject added that WALLY SIMPSON, who operates an Oldsmobile Agency in Kirkland, Washington is the son of HERBERT SIMPSON.

Confidential Informants were contacted and all advised that they had no information concerning the subject. These informants are familiar with various phases of Communist Party and CP front activities in the Seattle, Washington area.

This matter is being placed in a closed status.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544) (REG.) DATE: 7/8/57

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-1313)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, wa.  
SM - CCard U.T.D.  
JUL 16 1957

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>SEATTLE</b>	Office of Origin <b>SEATTLE</b>	Date <b>9/25/57</b>	Investigative Period <b>9/11,12,13,16,18/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was.</b>		Report made by <b>SA ROBERT M. MAC NAMARA</b>	Typed By: <b>bgo</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:

The subject resides and is employed as a handyman at the Simpson Rest Home, Houghton, Washington. During September, 1957 confidential informants who are familiar with Communist Party and Communist Party front activities in the Seattle, Washington area were contacted and all advised that they did not know the subject.

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DETAILS:

AT HOUGHTON, WASHINGTON

LAWRENCE SIMPSON resides and works as a handyman at the Simpson Rest Home, Houghton, Washington. This rest home is operated by the subject's brother.

Source: Chief of Police MIKE FALK, on September 11, 1957  
Houghton, Washington

AGENCY *photo - INS-NYC*  
REQ. REC'D *3-18-59*  
REP'T FORW. *3-30-59*  
BY *R.M.M.*  
*Re: Gloria Simpson*  
*(X-spouse)*

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COMMUNIST PARTY AND/OR COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT ACTIVITIES

The Communist Party (CP), USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

During the month of September, 1957, confidential informants familiar with various phases of Communist Party and/or Communist Party front activities in the Seattle, Washington area were contacted and all advised that they did not know the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-1313

Seattle 4, Washington  
September 25, 1957

Re: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was.  
Security Matter - C

Reference report of Special Agent ROBERT M. MAC. NAMARA dated  
September 25, 1957 at Seattle.

All confidential informants referred to in referenced report  
have furnished reliable information in the past.

AGENCY Photo-INS-NYC  
REQ. R.C.D. 3-18-59  
REP'D FORM. 3-31-59  
BY Rhm-ljb  
Re: Gloria Simpson  
(X-spouse)

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ENCLOSURE

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE: September 25, 1957

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-1313)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

OO: SEATTLE

Herewith transmitted is the report of SA ROBERT M. MAC NAMARA dated September 25, 1957 at Seattle, Washington, with letterhead memo.

This case has been re-evaluated in the light of present criteria for inclusion on the Security Index and since the subject has not been active in Communist Party or Communist Party front affairs by his own admission since 1946 it is recommended that the subject be removed from the Security Index.

The subject has been interviewed by Bureau authority on October 29, 1953, November 3, 1953 and February 19, 1954. He also appeared before the United States Coast Guard Local Appeals Board, Seattle, on February 28, 1952. On all of these occasions the subject readily admitted his membership in the Communist Party from approximately 1932 to 1946. Subject denies himself or the Communist Party advocates force and violence. The subject, however admits that he is a Marxist and stated that he dropped out of the Communist Party because that organization was in a state of utter confusion. During these interviews the subject has been very free and is overly willing to discuss Marxism, however, he has declined to identify other Communist Party members.

It is not being recommended that the subject be reinterviewed because it is felt that another interview with the subject will amount to nothing more than another "bull session" wherein the subject tries to explain his philosophy.

A recent photograph of the subject is available.

During the course of this investigation the following informants were contacted by the agents named on the date indicated:

ENCLOSURE

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

contacted by SA J. FRANCIS SULLIVAN on September 16, 1957  
 contacted by SA J. FRANCIS SULLIVAN on September 16, 1957  
 contacted by SA ROBERT H. WICK on September 16, 1957  
 contacted by SA ROBERT M. MAC NAMARA on September 13, 1957

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FOIA(b)(7)-(D)

contacted by SA CHARLES E. ROBINSON on September 18, 1957  
contacted by SA CHARLES E. ROBINSON on September 18, 1957  
contacted by SA EDWARD BREKKE on September 18, 1957  
contacted by SA EDWARD BREKKE on September 18, 1957  
contacted by SA JAMES H. SANDUSKY on September 18, 1957  
contacted by SA JAMES H. SANDUSKY on September 18, 1957

LEAD

The Seattle Division  
At Seattle, Washington

The Bureau is being requested to consider removing the subject from the Security Index. Will delete subject's name from the Security Index when approved by the Bureau.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JAMES J. GILLIS dated October 9, 1956 at Newark.

15 Mr. Jackson *lmw*

SAC, Seattle (100-1313)  
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Director, FBI (100-81544) - 34

**LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON**  
**SECURITY MATTER - C**

**EX 105**

Reurlet dated September 25, 1957, recommending that the subject's name be removed from the Security Index.

A review of Bureau file in this matter reflects in an interview in 1954 the subject admitted membership in the Communist Party from 1920 to 1946. In addition, at the time of this interview subject described himself as a "Leninist" and stated that in case of war with Russia his sympathies would lie with Russia. It is further noted that in an interview on February 19, 1954, and again on June 29, 1954, subject reiterated the fact that he still believed in communism and considers himself to be a Marxist. In view of the above the subject's name is being retained in the Security Index at this time.

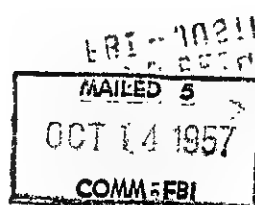
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Subject was approved by the Department for inclusion in the Security Index by memorandum dated 10/8/56.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>SEATTLE</b>	Office of Origin <b>SEATTLE</b>	Date <b>8/21/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/1,5-8,11,14/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was.</b>		Report made by <b>B. HARRY WYNN</b>	Typed By: <b>hke</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at the Simpson Rest Home, N.E. 60th, Houghton, Washington, and is employed as a handyman at the Simpson Rest Home in that city. During August, 1958, confidential informants familiar with CP and CP front activities in the Seattle, Washington, area were contacted and all advised that they did not know the subject.

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DETAILS:

AT HOUGHTON, WASHINGTON

On August 5, 1958, MIKE FALK, Chief of Police, Houghton, Washington, advised that the subject resides and works as a handyman at the Simpson Rest Home, Houghton, Washington. This Rest Home continues to be operated by the subject's brother at N.E. 60th Street.

AGENCY *photo-INS-NYC*

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Re: *Glacia Simpson (X-spouse)*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)

DATE: AUG 21 1958

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-1313)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, was.  
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(OO-SEATTLE)

Enclosed herewith is the report of SA B. HARRY WYNN, dated and captioned as above, at Seattle, Washington, together with letterhead memorandum for dissemination purposes.

REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT M. MAC NAMARA dated 9/25/57 at Seattle.

ADMINISTRATIVE  
INFORMANTS

[redacted] by SA H. EDWARD MC NULTY  
on 8/6/58 and 8/7/58, respectively.

[redacted] by SA J. FRANCIS SULLIVAN  
on 8/6/58.

[redacted] by SA JAMES H. SANDUSKY  
on 8/7/58.

[redacted] by SA EDWARD BREKKE  
on 8/7/58 and 8/8/58, respectively.

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subject was a member of the Communist Party from 1920 to 1946. When interviewed by Bureau Agents, subject has described himself as a "Leninist" and Marxist. When interviewed in 1954, subject advised that he still believes in Communism.



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Seattle 4, Washington

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Reporting Office <b>Seattle</b>	Office of Origin <b>Seattle</b>	Date <b>AUG 19 1959</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/10/59 - 8/11/59</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, aka</b>		Report made by <b>B. HARRY WYNN</b>	Typed By: <b>MAP</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:

Reference: Report of SA B. HARRY WYNN dated 8/21/58 at Seattle.

Status: - C -

Informants: Informants contacted regarding subject:

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Report of: SA B. HARRY WYNN                      Office: SEATTLE  
Date: AUG 19, 1959  
File Number: Bufile 100-81544      Sefile 100-1313  
Title: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, aka

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at the Simpson Rest Home, N.E. 60th, Houghton, Washington, and is employed as a handyman at the Simpson Rest Home. During July, 1959 confidential informants familiar with CP and CP front activities in the Seattle, Washington area were contacted and all advised subject was unknown to them.

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DETAILS:AT HOUGHTON, WASHINGTON

On 8/11/59 Sgt. Ed. Kelley, Houghton, Washington Police Department advised that the subject continues to reside and is employed as a handyman at the Simpson Rest Home, which is owned by subject's brother, at N.E. 60th Street Houghton, Washington.

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Seattle, Washington

AUG 19 1958

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Date: August 27, 1959

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

EX-102 From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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YELLOW: Simpson is SI subject of Seattle office.

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Reporting Office <b>SEATTLE</b>	Office of Origin <b>SEATTLE</b>	Date <b>8/11/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/14 - 8/10/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, Aka.</b>		Report made by <b>SA F. CLARE DORWART</b>	Typed By: <b>JP</b>
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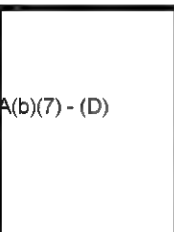
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Report of SA B. HARRY WYNN dated 8/19/59 at Seattle.

STATUS: CLOSED

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Informants contacted regarding the subject:

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	7/25/60	ERLING W. HARBO
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Field Office File No.: SE 100-1313

Bureau File No.: 100-81544

Title: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

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DETAILS:

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TITLE OF CASE <b>LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, aka..</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA F. CLARE DORWART</b>	TYPED BY <b>mlk</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

REFERENCE: Report of SA F. CLARE DORWART, Seattle, dated August 11, 1960.

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Field Office File No.: 100-1313

Bureau File No.: 100-81544

Title: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at the Simpson Rest Home, NE 60th, Houghton, Washington, where he is also employed as a handyman. During June, 1961, Confidential Informants familiar with CP and CP front activities in the Seattle, Washington area were contacted and all advised that the subject was unknown to them.

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DETAILS:

On June 14, 1961 Chief of Police MIKE FALK, Houghton, Washington, advised that the subject continues to reside and is employed as a handyman at the Simpson Rest Home at N. E. 60th Street, Houghton, Washington. This rest home is owned by the subject's brother.

COMMUNIST PARTY AND/OR COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT ACTIVITY

The Communist Party, USA (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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During the month of June, 1961, Confidential Informants familiar with various phases of CP and/or CP front activity in the Seattle, Washington area were contacted and all advised that they did not know the subject.

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1 - Mr. Pettit  
July 19, 1961

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LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON  
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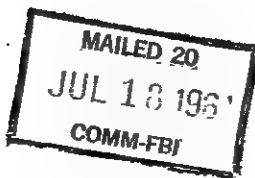
Subject's file has been reviewed at the Bureau. Subject was a member of the Communist Party (CP) from 1920 to 1946. When he was interviewed in 1953, he described himself as a Leninist and said that in the event of war with Russia his sympathy would lie with Russia. He was last interviewed in June, 1954, and stated that he still considered himself a Marxist.

There has been no report of CP activities on the part of the subject in recent years. It is believed that another interview with him should be had at this time. Accordingly, unless you are in possession of information which would make an interview inadvisable, he should be interviewed in accordance with current Bureau instructions relative to interviews with subjects of security investigations. Submit the results in report form with your recommendation as to his Security Index status.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject on Security Index. Fifty-nine years of age; employed as a handyman.



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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-81544)(REG.)

DATE: 8/18/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-1313)

SUBJECT: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON, aka  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the report of SA F. CLARE DORWART, Seattle, dated August 18, 1961 which reflects the interview of the subject on August 8, 1961.

Based upon the information contained in the report, and for the reason that subject appears to have had no connection with the Communist Party, nor to have engaged in any other activity inimical to the best interest of the United States since 1946, it is recommended that he be removed from the Security Index.

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Reporting Office <b>SEATTLE</b>	Office of Origin <b>SEATTLE</b>	Date <b>8/18/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/8 - 10/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LAWRENCE B. <sup>0</sup>SIMPSON, aka</b>		Report made by <b>SA F. CLARE DORWART</b>	Typed By: <b>dap</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SM - C</b>	

**REFERENCE:** Report of SA F. CLARE DORWART, Seattle, dated 6/28/61;  
Bureau letter to Seattle dated 7/19/61.

**STATUS : - P -**

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

## EVALUATION OF INTERVIEW

When interviewed on August 8, 1961, as set forth in this report, Mr. SIMPSON was courteous and frank during his interview with the Agents. He is quite hard of hearing which appears to account for his being rather slow and deliberate in his conversation. From his remarks he appears to be a firm believer in the welfare state and believes that the United States is headed in that direction. He does not appear to be above average in intelligence and would not be termed an educated man. He admits that he studied Marx when he was in

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high school and believes that some of Marx' theories were sound. It appears that, when he became a member of the Communist Party, he was completely willing to perform any task which would further the aims of the CP.

There is presently no indication that the subject has any subversive connections or is engaged in any activity inimical to to the best interests of the United States.

The subject has living quarters in a building adjacent to the main building of the Simpson Rest Home where two small sons, approximately four and five years of age, reside with him. He stated that his wife is in a New York Hospital. The living quarters and the two sons were very unkept and dirty which gives a very definite impression of slovenliness on the part of the subject.

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Will take such action as is suggested by Bureau in connection with Seattle recommendation that the subject be removed from the Security Index.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
  2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
  3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
  4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
  5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
  6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. ☐ This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because (state reason)
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8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 10/29; 11/3/53  
☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) 2/19; 6/29/54.
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9. ☒ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
  10. ☐ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
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11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.  
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA F. CLARE DORWART  
Date: August 18, 1961

Office: Seattle, Washington

Field Office File No.: 100-1313

Bureau File No.: 100-81544

Title: LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

## Synopsis:

Subject interviewed at his quarters at Simpson Rest Home, NE 60th, Houghton, Washington, on August 8, 1961. Subject states that he still believes in some of Marx' teachings and believes that the United States is proceeding in the direction of a welfare state and that a revolution would be unnecessary to bring this about. He stated he was not interested in the Communist Party and believed that it was too badly split to be effective. He stated that he knows no one in the Communist Party in the Seattle area and has had no contact with the party nor with any of its members. He stated that in a conflict between Russia and the United States his sympathies would lie with the United States.

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DETAILSAt Seattle, Washington

Date August 9, 1961

At 1:30 p.m. on August 8, 1961, Special Agents JOSEPH P. MacFARLAND and F. CLARE DORWART called on the subject at his quarters at Simpson's Rest Home, N.E. 60th Street, Houghton, Washington. Special Agent MacFARLAND identified himself to the subject after which Special Agent DORWART was introduced. The subject shook hands with the Agents and invited them in to his quarters.

Mr. SIMPSON, although quite hard of hearing, was cordial and freely discussed matters with the Agents. He stated that he first studied Marx when he was in high school and believed in many of Marx teachings. He stated, however, that he has had no contact with the Communist Party since he returned to the state of Washington in 1950 and knows no one in the Communist Party in the Seattle area.

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Mr. SIMPSON stated that he had sailed in the merchant marine for 30 years and as a member of the Communist Party carried material to and from foreign Communist Party members; that because of this activity he was arrested in Germany and sentenced. In this connection he stated that he was given no instructions and there was no designated person for him to contact but that he made his own contacts among Communist Party members in foreign countries. He did not know the names of the persons from whom he received the material nor to whom he gave the material. He volunteered the information that he received the specifications on the German battleship Bismark before the keel of that ship was ever laid, stating that the material had apparently be obtained by a party member in the shipyards and passed on. He delivered the material to Communist Party members in this country at New York City.

The subject stated that he believed that this country was headed in the direction of a welfare state and that a revolution was not necessary to bring it about, stating that many social benefits have been adopted in this country during the past 20 years. He stated that Russia's present position on the Berlin question seemed logical to him in that they want a friendly nation on their border and not one that will develop into a power to attack them again. He continued that, as between Russia and the United States and any conflict which might arise between them, his sympathies would be with the United States. He stated, however, that this did not mean that he agreed with everyone who might have been elected to positions in government.

Regarding the Communist Party, Mr. SIMPSON stated that he

Simpson Rest Home,  
N.E. 80th St.,  
On 8/8/61 at Houghton, Washington File # 100-1313  
SA's JOSEPH P. MacFARLAND and  
by F. CLARE DORWART/fcd Date dictated 8/9/61

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believed that it was split too badly to be effective and he was no longer interested in it.

At 2:35 p.m. the interview was terminated. Mr. SIMPSON shook hands with the Agents and invited them back to talk to him at any time. He was thanked for having talked to the Agents and the Agents departed immediately.

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1 - Mr. Higgins  
1 - Mr. Pettit

Assistant Attorney General  
J. Walter Yeagley

September 1, 1961

Director, FBI

EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

The name of Lawrence B. Simpson, subject of FBI file 100-81544, was approved for inclusion in the Security Index by Department memorandum dated October 8, 1956.

Simpson's name was included in the Security Index based on evidence developed regarding his activities in the Communist Party. Continued investigation of Simpson has failed to develop evidence of participation in the affairs of the Communist Party during recent years. The results of all investigation conducted of Simpson have previously been furnished to the Records Administration Office.

It is requested that the results of the investigation of Simpson be reviewed at this time with a view toward determining whether his name should continue to be listed in the Security Index.

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1 - Seattle (100-1313)

NOTE SAC, SEATTLE:

Reurlet dated 8-18-61. Pending receipt of a reply from the Department, Simpson's name will continue to be listed in the Security Index.

① - 100-81544 (Simpson)

NOTE: We have followed the practice of requesting the Department's opinion prior to cancellation of Security Index (SI) cards in those cases in which the subject's name has been approved by the Department for inclusion in the SI. Letter classified "Secret" as pertains to SI and Emergency Detention Program, component parts of which are so classified by the Department.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: September 13 1961

Security Index card cancelled

*Jay* FROM : J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

*File in* Re: Lawrence B. Simpson  
FBI#: 100-81544  
CC - 100-398030

Reports of investigation of the above have been reviewed

☒ as requested by you on September 1, 1961.

It has been determined that subject's name should be

☐ retained on security index; ☒ removed from security index.

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1 - Mr. Higgins  
1 - Mr. Pettit

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September 15, 1961

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Security Index card cancelled  
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LAWRENCE B. SIMPSON  
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ReBulet to the Department dated 9-1-61  
captioned "Emergency Detention Program," a copy  
of which was furnished your office.

By letter dated 9-13-61 the Department  
advised that subject's name should be removed  
from the Security Index. This action has been  
taken at the Bureau and similar action should be  
taken with respect to the card maintained in your  
office.

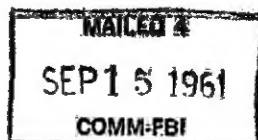
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